

REMARKS

Claim 1 calls for a method of linking information to video information that includes linking video information with other information based on two things. The first thing is the location of the video information on a frame and the second thing is a frame identifier. This enables information associated with a particular location on a particular frame in a series of frames to cause linking to other information. Because the frame location and frame identifier are both included, the information that enables the linking to occur need not be part of the electronic form of the frames. Instead it can be separate therefrom.

As a simple example of a first (prior art) technique, a DVD disk may have a series of video frames. In order to enable hyperlinks from a picture of a car in a particular location on one of the frames, information could be embedded in the DVD disk to enable such linking to occur. That is what Hoddie provides.

Another alternative is that the location information is kept separate from the frame itself. This allows the user to select a particular location at a particular time on a display screen. That selection may then be tied to a particular frame that was being displayed in a particular location that was indicated by the user. This linking information need not be in any way tied particularly to the DVD disk itself. That is the kind of thing which is claimed in the present application.

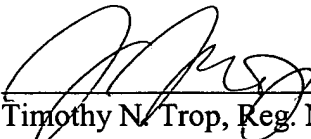
In the case with Hoddie and the first technique, there is no need to use a frame identifier because of course the linking information is tied to the video information itself. This can be seen in Hoddie in Figure 2 where it is shown that the container track 215 is part of the movie itself (in the example above, the movie would be the DVD disk). There is no need to link video information with other information based both on the location of the video information on the frame and the frame identifier. None of the material cited as disclosing the use of the frame identifier discloses any such thing. And this is understandable since a frame identifier would not be needed with the system shown in Hoddie.

Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claim 1 is respectfully requested. On a similar analysis, its dependent claim and claim 11 and its dependent claims should patentably distinguish. Also claim 20 and its dependent claims should also patentably distinguish.

In view of these remarks, the application is in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

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